

IEEE 802.3 de-mustified

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Introduction

The IEEE SA Standards Board Operations Manual [6.4.7](#) contains requirements reflected in [Maintenance request 1361](#), which adds a new Subclause 1.1.6 “Word usage” to the 802.3 revision draft that includes two footnotes:

1. The use of the word *must* is deprecated and cannot be used when stating mandatory requirements; *must* is used only to describe unavoidable situations.
2. The use of *will* is deprecated and cannot be used when stating mandatory requirements; *will* is only used in statements of fact.

However, IEEE P802.3 (IEEE 802.3dc) Draft 2.0 contains 620 instances of the word “must”.

This document proposes changes to be made to the revision draft to remove the word “must”.

For “must” this version covers all of the 614 instances not in the front matter or note given above.

Also, one instance of “will” is covered to bring all instances of that particular phrase back to being the same.

This document also proposes changes to be made to the two additional approved amendments IEEE Std 802.3ct-2021 and IEEE Std 802.3cp-2021, when included, to remove the word “must”.

Following changes in IEEE Std 802.3cu-2021

Change “a conforming implementation **must** behave functionally as though” to:
“a conforming implementation **behaves** functionally as though” in 37 places:

Table 53-1 footnote a, Table 54-1 footnote a, Table 70-1 footnote a, Table 71-1 footnote a,
Table 72-1 footnote a, Table 84-1 footnote a, Table 85-1 footnotes a and b, Table 86-1 footnote a,
Table 87-1 footnote a, Table 88-1 footnote a, Table 89-1 footnote a, Table 92-1 footnote a,
Table 93-1 footnote a, Table 94-1 footnote a, Table 95-1 footnote a, Table 110-1 footnote a,
Table 111-1 footnote a, Table 112-1 footnote a, Table 114-1 footnote a, Table 121-1 footnote a,
Table 122-1 footnote a, Table 123-1 footnote a, Table 124-1 footnote a, Table 128-1 footnote a,
Table 130-1 footnote a, Table 136-1 footnote a, Table 136-2 footnote a, Table 136-3 footnote a,
Table 137-1 footnote a, Table 137-2 footnote a, Table 137-3 footnote a, Table 138-1 footnote a,
Table 138-2 footnote a, Table 138-3 footnote a, Table 139-1 footnote a, Table 150-1 footnote a.

Change “the maximum differential group delay that the system **must** tolerate” to:
“the maximum differential group delay that the system **is required to** tolerate” in 9 places:

Table 52-24 footnote g, Table 87-14 footnote c, Table 88-14 footnote c, Table 89-13 footnote c,
Table 114-11 footnote d, Table 121-13 footnote c, Table 122-17 footnote e, Table 124-11 footnote c,
Table 139-12 footnote d.

Delay

Change “This implies that MAC, MAC Control sublayer, and PHY implementers **must** conform to” to:

“This implies that MAC, MAC Control sublayer, and PHY implementers conform to” in 18 places: 24.6, 36.5, 40.11, 44.3, 46.1.4, 48.5, 49.2.15, 53.2, 69.3, 74.6, 80.4, 99.4.8, 105.5, 116.4, 125.3, 127.5, 129.5, 131.4.

Change “This implies that MAC, MAC Control sublayer, and PHY implementers **must** consider the” to:

“This implies that MAC, MAC Control sublayer, and PHY implementers consider the” in 5 places: 70.4, 71.4, 72.4, 128.4, 130.4.

Change “This implies that MAC, MAC Control sublayer, and PHY implementers **will** conform to” to:

“This implies that MAC, MAC Control sublayer, and PHY implementers conform to” in 1 place: 51.33.

Change “This implies that implementers of MAC, MAC Control, and PHY **must** consider the” to:

“This implies that implementers of MAC, MAC Control, and PHY consider the” in 1 place: 54.3.

Change “This implies that MAC, PHY, and repeater implementers **must** conform to” to:

“This implies that MAC, PHY, and repeater implementers conform to” in 3 places: 24.6, 36.5, 40.11.

Change “This implies that MAC, PHY and repeater implementers **must** conform to” to:

“This implies that MAC, PHY, and repeater implementers conform to” in 1 place: 32.12.

Skew

Change “**must be** kept within limits” to:

“**is** kept within limits” in 22 places:

80.5, 83.5.3, 84.5, 85.5, 86.3.2, 87.3.2, 88.3.2, 89.3.2, 92.5, 93.5, 94.3.4, 95.3.2, 116.5, 120.5.3, 131.5, 135.5.3, 136.6, 137.6, 138.3.2, 139.3.2, 140.3.2, 150.3.2.

Change “**must be** kept within limits” to:

“**are** kept within limits” in 4 places: 121.3.2, 122.3.2, 123.3.2, 124.3.2.

Change “**must** tolerate Skew Variation” to:

“**is required to** tolerate Skew Variation” in 3 places: 83.5.3, 120.5.3, 135.5.3.

Change “Skew Variation **must be** limited to ensure” to:

“Skew Variation **is** limited to ensure” in 2 places: 80.5, 131.5.

Change “The Skew Variation **must also be** limited to ensure” to:

“The Skew Variation **is also** limited to ensure” in 12 places:

84.5, 85.5, 86.3.2, 87.3.2, 88.3.2, 89.3.2, 136.6, 137.6, 138.3.2, 139.3.2, 140.3.2, 150.3.2.

Note that the “from” phrase for these two sets of changes is the same. The choice between “is” and “are” in the “to” phrase depends in the earlier text.

General 1

Change “one or more nomenclatures **must** meet” to:

“one or more nomenclatures meet” in 2 places: 80.1.5, 125.1.4.

Change “one or more PHY types **must** meet” to:

“one or more PHY types meet” in 2 places: 116.1.4, 131.1.4.

Change “An exit transition arrow **must connect** to the shared arrow, and the qualifier **must be** met prior to termination of” to:

“An exit transition arrow **connects** to the shared arrow, and the qualifier **is** met prior to termination of” in 4 places: 80.6, 105.6, 116.7, 131.6.

Change “When using this method the RS **must maintain** a Deficit Idle Count (DIC)” to:

“When using this method the RS **maintains** a Deficit Idle Count (DIC)” in 2 places: 46.3.1.4, 81.3.1.4.

Change “lane markers **must** match each other and an entry” to:

“lane markers **have to** match each other and an entry” in 1 place: 82.2.19.3.

Change “a conforming implementation **must** behave as though the interface were compliant” to:

“a conforming implementation **behaves** as though the interface were compliant” in 1 place: 86.5.1.

General 2

Change “As **an unavoidable** consequence of the requirements for the setting of the SIGNAL_DETECT parameter, implementations must provide adequate margin” to:

“As **a** consequence of the requirements for the setting of the SIGNAL_DETECT parameter, implementations **need to** provide adequate margin” in 23 places:

38.2.4, 39.2.3, 52.4.4, 53.4.4, 58.2.4, 59.2.4, 68.4.4, 86.5.4, 87.5.4, 88.5.4, 89.5.4, 95.5.4, 112.5.4, 114.5.4, 121.5.4, 122.5.4, 123.5.4, 124.5.4, 138.5.4, 139.5.4, 140.5.4, 150.5.4, 151.5.4.

Change “**must** exceed this value” to:

“**has to** exceed this value” in 13 places:

Table 52-12 footnote c, Table 52-16 footnote d, Table 86-6 footnote b, Table 87-7 footnote b, Table 88-7 footnote b, Table 95-6 footnote b, Table 114-6 footnote b, Table 121-6 footnote b, Table 122-9 footnote b, Table 122-10 footnote c, Table 138-8 footnote b, Table 139-6 footnote b, Table 150-7 footnote b.

Change “**must** exceed **these values**” to:

“**has to** exceed **this value**” in 1 place: Table 124-6 footnote b.

Change “lane alone **must** be found” to:

“lane alone **has to** be found” in 2 places: 86.8.2.1, 95.8.1.1.

Change “**must** be corrected for” to:

“**has to** be corrected for” in 5 places: 52.9.10.3, 58.7.9.3, 87.8.6.3, 88.8.5.3, 114.7.5.3.

General 3

Change “**must** be created with” to:

“**has to** be created with” in 4 places: 52.9.9.3, 58.7.11.2, 87.8.11.2, 95.8.8.2.

Change “**must** be maintained” to:

“**has to** be maintained” in 2 places: 32.7.2.3.5, 94.3.10.6.4.

Change “update requests **must not be** sent in combination with” to:

“update requests **are not** sent in combination with” in 1 place: 94.3.10.6.4.

Change “This value **must also** be” to:

“This value **also has to** be” in 4 places: 83E.3.3.2.1, 83E.3.4.1.1, 120E.3.3.2.1, 120E.3.4.1.1.

Change “**must** be high enough to overcome” to:

“**has to** be high enough to overcome” in 1 place: 86A.5.3.2.

Change “the CDR **must** track additional” to:

“the CDR **has to** track additional” in 1 place: 86A.5.3.8.3.

Change “performance is critical and **must** not be sacrificed by” to:

“performance is critical and **should** not be sacrificed by” in 1 place: 86A.5.3.8.4.

Change “Care **must** be taken when” to:

“Care **should** be taken when” in 1 place: 86A.5.3.8.5.

General 4

Change “**must** be accounted for” to:

“**have to** be accounted for” in 2 places: Table 68-3 footnote b, 86A.5.3.8.5.

Change “**must** be chosen” to:

“**should** be chosen” in 1 place: 93A.1.5 Note 1.

Change “**must** be OK before” to:

“**has to** be OK before” in 2 places: 40.4.5.2, 96.4.7.2.

Change “The generator of the disturbing signal **must** have sufficient linearity and range **so** it does not introduce any appreciable distortion” to:

“The generator of the disturbing signal **should** have sufficient linearity and range **that** it does not introduce any appreciable distortion” in 2 places: 40.6.1.1.3, 96.5.3.

Change “a non-MDI connector that is not isolated from the MDI leads **must** provide isolation” to:

“a non-MDI connector that is not isolated from the MDI leads **needs to** provide isolation” in 1 place: 104.6.1.

Change “Transition_count **must** comply with the state diagram description” to:

“Transition_count **has to** comply with the state diagram description” in 3 places: 55.4.5.1, 113.4.5.1, 126.4.5.1.

General 5

Change “As the SLAVE **must** maintain timing lock with the MASTER, the timing relationship between the LPI quiet-refresh cycling of the two PHYs **must** remain fixed for the lifetime of the link.” to:

“As the SLAVE **has to** maintain timing lock with the MASTER, the timing relationship between the LPI quiet-refresh cycling of the two PHYs **has to** remain fixed for the lifetime of the link.” in 1 place: 146.4.7.

Change “function **must** achieve proper synchronization” to:

“function **has to** achieve proper synchronization” in 1 place: 147.4.3

Change “on transmitter noise **must** be compensated for” to:

“on transmitter noise **has to** be compensated for” in 1 place: 121.8.5.3.

Change “, EEE-capable PHYs **must** synchronize refresh intervals” to:

“, EEE-capable PHYs synchronize refresh intervals” in 2 places: 55.3.5.1, 126.3.5.1.

Change “the MASTER **must set**” to:

“the MASTER **sets**” in 2 places: 55.4.2.5.14, 126.4.2.5.15.

Change “This **must be** calculated over” to:

“This **is** calculated over” in 1 place: 126.7.3.1.

General 6

Change “frequency points **must be** measured” to:
“frequency points **are** measured” in 1 place: 126.7.3.1.

Change “valid code-groups **must** follow the rules” to:
“valid code-groups **have to** follow the rules” in 5 places:
36.2.5.1.1, 48.2.6.1.1 (2 places), 65.2.3.4.2, 127.2.7.1.1.

Change “The minimum number **must be**” to:
“The minimum number **has to be**” in 1 place: 127.2.7.1.2.

Change “received bits **must** be buffered” to:
“received bits **have to** be buffered” in 3 places: 24.2.2.3, 36.3.2.1, 127.3.2.

Change “**must all** extend beyond this mask” to:
“**all have to** extend beyond this mask” in 1 place: 120E.4.2.

Change “eye **must** extend beyond” to:
“eye **has to** extend beyond” in 3 places: Figure 120E-14 (3 places).

Change “operation **must** complete within” to:
“operation **has to** complete within” in 1 place: 45.2.1.30.2.

General 7

Change “therefore **must be** performed only” to:
“therefore **is** performed only” in 1 place: 45.2.6.9.1.

Change “entity **must** have a priori knowledge” to:
“entity **has to** have a priori knowledge” in 1 place: 45.3.5.

Change “**must** be less than” to:
“**has to** be less than” in 3 places: 9.5.6.4, B.1.5.2, 47.3.3.5.

Change “**must** be adequate to” to:
“**needs to** be adequate to” in 2 places: 47.4.2, 58.7.9.2.

Change “**must** have vertical waveform symmetry” to:
“**has to** have vertical waveform symmetry” in 1 place: 47.4.3.2.

Change “**must** be inserted in each lane” to:
“**has to** be inserted in each lane” in 1 place: 48.2.4.2.3.

Change “**must delete** idles or” to:
“**deletes** idles or” in 1 place: 49.2.5.

General 8

Change “**must also implement** the” to:
“**also implements** the” in 1 place: 50.1.5.

Change “**must** be processed” to:
“**have to** be processed” in 1 place: 50.1.7.

Change “**must implement** the” to:
“**implements** the” in 1 place: 50.3.6.

Change “**must** be presented” to:
“**have to** be presented” in 1 place: 50.3.6.

Change “**must** be included” to:
“**has to** be included” in 2 places: 37.2.5, 50.3.7.

Change “**must progress**” to:
“**progresses**” in 1 place: 50.4.2.

Change “that **must** be matched” to:
“that **need to** be matched” in 1 place: 50.4.2.

General 9

Change “capabilities **must** be provided” to:

“capabilities **have to** be provided” in 3 places: 50.6.4.6 MR1 and MR2, 50.6.4.7 TP5.

Change “hexadecimal **must be** transmitted” to:

“hexadecimal **is** transmitted” in 1 place: 50.6.4.6 MR4.

Change “**must be** ignored” to:

“**is** ignored” in 1 place: 50.6.4.6 MR5.

Change “combination **must be** configured” to:

“combination **is** configured” in 2 places: 52.9.6.2, 58.7.7.2.

Change “Receivers **must** operate with” to:

“Receivers **have to** operate with” in 1 place: 52.9.9.

Change “**must** be added” to:

“**has to** be added” in 2 places: 52.9.9.3, 58.7.11.2.

Change “**must** be well within” to:

“**should** be well within” in 2 places: 52.9.9.3, 58.7.11.2.

General 10

Change “**must** begin to track” to:

“**has to** begin to track” in 2 places: 53.8.2.1, 53.9.10.1.

Change “**must** be asynchronous to” to:

“**has to** be asynchronous to” in 3 places: 53.9.7, 53.9.10.1, 53.9.12.4.

Change “**must** be sufficient” to:

“**needs to** be sufficient” in 3 places: 38.6.12, 53.9.13, 59.7.15.

Change “**must** be explicitly placed” to:

“**has to** be explicitly placed” in 3 places: 54.5.8, 70.6.6, 71.6.8.

Change “**must** correctly drive” to:

“**has to** correctly drive” in 2 places: 45A.3, 45A.4.

Change “**must** have knowledge” to:

“**needs to** have knowledge” in 2 places: 45A.3, 45A.4.

Change “**must** drive the” to:

“**has to** drive the” in 6 places: 45A.3 (3 places), 45A.4 (3 places).

General 11

Change “**must** be capable of generating” to:
“**has to** be capable of generating” in 1 place: 45A.4.

Change “(time) **must** be calculated” to:
“(time) **has to** be calculated” in 1 place: 48B.1.1.

Change “**must be** multiplied” to:
“**is** multiplied” in 1 place: 48B.1.1.

Change “**must** be Gaussian” to:
“**has to** be Gaussian” in 1 place: 48B.2.1.

Change “**must** be from” to:
“**has to** be from” in 1 place: 48B.2.1.

Change “**must** be understood” to:
“**need to** be understood” in 1 place: 48B.2.1.

Change “**must** be verified” to:
“**has to** be verified” in 1 place: 48B.2.1.

General 12

Change “**must be** performed using” to:
“**is** performed using” in 1 place: 48B.2.1.

Change “it **must** be ok” to:
“it **has to** be ok” in 1 place: 48B.3.1.

Change “**must** be notified” to:
“**has to** be notified” in 4 places: 13.4.1, 29.3.1, 42.3.1, 50A.

Change “**must** fall within the operating” to:
“**has to** fall within the operating” in 6 places:
Table 58-3 footnote b, Table 58-5 footnote b, 58.7.2, Table 59-3 footnote b, Table 59-6 footnote b, 59.7.2.

Change “**must** ensure adequate” to:
“**need to** ensure adequate” in 3 places: 58.7, 59.7, 60.9.

Change “**must** use this” to:
“use this” in 1 place: 56.1.

Change “**must** specify” to:
“**has to** specify” in 4 places: 2.3.1.2 (2 places), 57.2.8.1.2 (2 places).

General 13

Change “**must** fall within the white” to:
“**have** to fall within the white” in 1 place: 58.7.12.

Change “**must** be **conformed**” to:
“**has to** be **verified**” in 1 place: 60.9.13.1.2.

Change “**must** be met in” to:
“**has to** be met in” in 2 places: 60.9.13.2.2, 75.7.15.2.

Change “**must** ensure that” to:
“**has to** ensure that” in 3 places: 32A, 40C, 61.2.2.5.

Change “**Must** process all” to:
“**Process** all” in 1 place: 64.4.4.1 CC3.

Change “**must** maintain an” to:
“**has to** maintain an” in 1 place: 65.1.3.3.1.

Change “**must first** synchronize” to:
“**first has to** synchronize” in 1 place: 65.2.3.2.3.

General 14

Change “, FEC function **must maintain**” to:
“, **the** FEC function **maintains**” in 1 place: 65.2.3.3.1.

Change “**must** support” to:
“**has to** support” in 2 places: 28.1.4, Table 68-3 footnote d.

Change “waveform **must be** circularly shifted” to:
“waveform **is** circularly shifted” in 1 place: 68.6.6.2.

Change “**must** be even” to:
“**has to** be even” in 1 place: 68.6.6.2.

Change “that **must** be within” to:
“that **has to** be within” in 1 place: B.4.3.1.

Change “It **must** be within” to:
“It **has to** be within” in 1 place: 39.6.8.2.

Change “**must** be within 5%” to:
“**are** within 5%” in 3 places: 72.10.4.5 TC26 (3 places).

Change “**must** be read” to:
“**has to** be read” in 2 places: 28.2.1.2.5, 73.6.8.

Note that these two changes would require a new version of <https://www.ieee802.org/3/publication/aq/802.3aq-2006clause68TWDP.zip>

General 15

Change “one **must** be transmitted” to:

“one **have to** be transmitted” in 2 places: 28.3.1 ack_finished, 73.10.1 ack_finished.

Change “**must** be greater” to:

“**has to** be greater” in 5 places:

9.5.6.4, B.5.2 (2 places), 28.3.2 link_fail_inhibit_timer, 73.10.2 link_fail_inhibit_timer.

Change “**must** be triggered” to:

“**has to** be triggered” in 1 place: 58A.

Change “**must** have valid” to:

“**has to** have valid” in 1 place: Figure 61A-3.

Change “**must** be split” to:

“**has to** be split” in 1 place: 61B.3.1.

Change “**must** be contained” to:

“**has to** be contained” in 2 places: 38.11.4, 67A.3.

Change “**must** be able” to:

“**has to** be able” in 1 place: 69A.1.

General 16

Change “**must** be considered” to:

“**have to** be considered” in 2 places: 14.4.1, 69B.4.1.

Change “**must** report” to:

“**have to** report” in 2 places: 22.1.3, 35.1.3.

Change “**must** encompass” to:

“**has to** encompass” in 2 places: 22.2.2.7, 35.2.2.7.

Change “**must** be passed” to:

“**has to** be passed” in 2 places: 22.2.2.8, 35.2.2.8.

Change “**Must produce**” to:

“**Produce**” in 3 places: 22.8.3.1, 35.6.3.1 PL1 and PL2.

Change “**Must send ONE**” to:

“**Send ONE**” in 1 place: 35.6.3.1 PL3.

Change “**must** send more” to:

“**has to** send more” in 1 place: 9.6.3.

General 17

Change “**must** deassert” to:

“**has to** deassert” in 1 place: 36.2.4.16.

Change “that **must** occur” to:

“that **have to** occur” in 5 places: 9.6.6.2, 27.3.2.1.1 (2 places), 41.2.2.1.1 (2 places).

Change “that **must** be present” to:

“that **has to** be present” in 9 places: 27.3.2.1.4 (5 places), 41.2.2.1.4 (4 places).

Change “which **must** be present” to:

“which **has to** be present” in 1 place: 41.2.2.1.4.

Change “**must** be avoided” to:

“**have to** be avoided” in 6 places: 14.7.2, 23.9.2, 27.5.2, 32.10.2, 40.9.2, 41.4.2.

Change “measures **must** be taken” to:

“measures **have to** be taken” in 7 places: 8.7.2, 14.7.2, 23.9.2, 27.5.2, 32.10.2, 40.9.2, 41.4.2.

Change “**must** be validated” to:

“**has to** be validated” in 3 places: 13.4, 29.3, 42.3.

General 18

Change “**must** be possible” to:

“**has to** be possible” in 3 places: 13.4.1, 29.3.1, 42.3.1.

Change “**must** contain” to:

“**has to** contain” in 5 places: 2.3.1.2, 13.4.1, 29.3.1, 31.3.1.2, 42.3.1.

Change “**must** be qualified” to:

“**has to** be qualified” in 3 places: 13.4.1, 29.3.1, 42.3.1.

Change “qualification **must** be done” to:

“qualification **needs to** be done” in 3 places: 13.4.1 , 29.3.1, 42.3.1.

Change “**must** be specified” to:

“**needs to** be specified” in 2 places: 29.3.1.2 Note 2, 42.3.1.2 Note 2.

Change “**must** alternate” to:

“**have to** alternate” in 4 places: Table 36B-1 footnote b, Table 36B-2 footnote b, Table 36B-3 footnotes b and c.

Change “**must** be increased” to:

“**has to** be increased” in 2 places: 23C, 40B.1.

General 19

Change “**must** be applied” to:

“**has to** be applied” in 1 place: 40B.1 Note.

Change “user **must** first” to:

“user **has to** first” in 1 place: 40C.2.1.

Change “**Must provide** a sufficiently” to:

“**Provide** a sufficiently” in 2 places: 28.1.2 e), 37.1.2 b).

Change “**Must allow** manual” to:

“**Allow** manual” in 2 places: 28.1.2 f), 37.1.2 c).

Change “**Must be capable** of operation” to:

“**Capable** of operation” in 2 places: 28.1.2 g), 37.1.2 d).

Change “**Must allow** the ability” to:

“**Allow** the ability” in 1 place: 37.1.2 e).

Change “**Must operate** when” to:

“**Operates** when” in 2 places: 28.1.2 i), 37.1.2 f).

General 20

Change “**Must** be robust” to:

“**To** be robust” in 2 places: 28.1.2 o), 37.1.2 j).

Change “**Must** not significantly” to:

“**To** not significantly” in 2 places: 28.1.2 p), 37.1.2 k).

Change “**Must interoperate** with” to:

“**Interoperate** with” in 1 place: 28.1.2 a).

Change “**Must allow** automatic” to:

“**Allow** automatic” in 1 place: 28.1.2 b).

Change “**Must** not preclude” to:

“**Does** not preclude” in 1 place: 28.1.2 h).

Change “**Must** not cause corruption” to:

“**Does** not cause corruption” in 1 place: 28.1.2 m).

Change “**must** terminate” to:

“**has to** terminate” in 1 place: 37.2.4.3.

General 21

Change “**must** be checked” to:

“**has to** be checked” in 2 places: 8.8.3.1, 38.12.3 *SX.

Change “**must** be calibrated” to:

“**has to** be calibrated” in 3 places: 39.6.2, 39.6.4, 39.6.5.

Change “**must** either be” to:

“**has to** either be” in 1 place: 39.6.3.

Change “percentages **must** be measured” to:

“percentages **have to** be measured” in 1 place: 39.6.3

Change “**must** be made” to:

“**has to** be made” in 3 places: 8.6.2.1, 15.2.2, 39.6.4.

Change “**must** be filtered” to:

“**have to** be filtered” in 2 places: 39.6.4, 39.6.8.1.

Change “MDI **must** be provided” to:

“MDI **has to** be provided” in 1 place: 39.8.3 *STY1.

General 22

Change “**must operate** as” to:

“**operates** as” in 7 places: 9.6.5, 32.2.2.1.1 (3 places), 40.2.4.1 (3 places).

Change “**must** be stable” to:

“**has to** be stable” in 3 places: 23.4.1.7, 32.4.1.1.5, 40.4.2.6.

Change “**must** be addressed” to:

“**needs to** be addressed” in 1 place: 40.6.1.2.

Change “**Must** have 2047” to:

“**Need to** have 2047” in 1 place: 40.6.1.2.4.

Note that this change would require a new version of
<https://www.ieee802.org/3/publication/ab/distortion.m.txt>

Change “**must** meet the specification” to:

“**has to** meet the specification” in 1 place: 40.7.5 g).

Change “function **must** be implemented” to:

“function **has to** be implemented” in 2 places: 28.1.4, 40.8.2.

Change “**must** be insignificant” to:

“**has to** be insignificant” in 4 places: 23.5.1.2.6 Note, 32.6.1.4.2 Note, 32.6.1.4.3 Note, 40.8.3.2 Note 2.

General 23

Change “requirement **must** be met” to:
“requirement **has to** be met” in 1 place: 21.6.2.

Change “**must cause** a transition” to:
“**causes** a transition” in 2 places: 22.2.1.3.3 (2 places).

Change “**must** then ensure” to:
“**has to** then ensure” in 1 place: 22.2.1.5.

Change “**must** provide a TX_CLK” to:
“**has to** provide a TX_CLK” in 2 places: 22.2.2.1 (2 places).

Change “**must not be** looped” to:
“**is not** looped” in 1 place: 22.2.2.8.

Change “**must** be cleared” to:
“**have to** be cleared” in 1 place: Table 22-7 footnote b.

Change “**must** have prior” to:
“**has to** have prior” in 1 place: 22.2.4.5.5.

General 24

Change “requirements **must** be met” to:
“requirements **have to** be met” in 2 places: 22.3.2.2, 22.3.2.3.

Change “**must also** meet” to:
“**also have to** meet” in 1 place: 22.4.3.2.

Change “**must** switch the” to:
“**has to** switch the” in 1 place: 22.4.3.2.

Change “must not cause the” to:
“**have to** not cause the” in 1 place: 22.4.3.2.

Change “receivers **must** meet” to:
“receivers **have to** meet” in 1 place: 22.4.4.

Change “drivers **must** be” to:
“drivers **have to** be” in 1 place: 22.4.4.2.

Change “shield **must** provide” to:
“shield **has to** provide” in 1 place: 22.4.5.5.

General 25

Change “**must** be separated” to:

“**have to** be separated” in 1 place: 23.11.2 TX_SKEW.

Change “**must also** support” to:

“**also have to** support” in 2 places: 23.12.3 *MII, 32.13.2 *MII.

Change “**Must have** a clock” to:

“**Have** a clock” in 1 place: 23.12.4.4 PCO11.

Change “**Must** not set” to:

“**Does** not set” in 5 places: 23.12.4.13 PME34, PME35, PME36, PME37, PME38.

Change “it **must** wake” to:

“it **has to** wake” in 1 place: 24.2.3.4 lpi_tx_tq_timer.

Change “**must** temporarily” to:

“**has to** temporarily” in 1 place: 24.3.1.6.1.

Change “**must naturally** be” to:

“**naturally has to** be” in 1 place: 24.3.2.2.

General 26

Change “**must** meet the performance” to:
“**has to** meet the performance” in 1 place: 27.3.1.4.3.

Change “It **must** then follow” to:
“It **has to** then follow” in 1 place: 27.3.2.1.2 source_type(X).

Change “function **must** provide” to:
“function **has to** provide” in 1 place: 28.1.4.

Change “**must** exist” to:
“**has to** exist” in 1 place: 28.1.4.

Change “**must** recognize” to:
“**has to** recognize” in 1 place: 28.1.4.1.

Change “**must** take the” to:
“**has to** take the” in 1 place: 28.1.4.3.

Change “**must** implement and” to:
“**has to** implement and” in 1 place: 28.2

General 27

Change “devices **must**” to:

“devices **have to**” in 2 places: 28.2.3.4.13 a) and b).

Change “**must** start” to:

“**has to** start” in 1 place: 28.2.5 Note.

Change “**must transmit**” to:

“**transmits**” in 1 place: 28.5.4.5 AF31.

Change “**must provide** logical” to:

“**provides** logical” in 1 place: 28.5.4.6 MF27.

Change “things **must** be done” to:

“things **have to** be done” in 1 place: 28.6.

Change “**must** be selected” to:

“**has to** be selected” in 1 place: 28.6.

Change “**must** be allocated” to:

“**has to** be allocated” in 1 place: 28.6.

General 28

Change “**must** be established” to:

“**has to** be established” in 1 place: 28.6.

Change “**must** be adjusted” to:

“**has to** be adjusted” in 2 places: 19.2.2.2, 30.2.2.2 Activity Timing function.

Change “Capability **must** be implemented” to:

“Capability **has to** be implemented” in 1 place: 30.2.5.

Change “**must** be implemented as a group” to:

“**have to** be implemented as a group” in 2 places: 14.2.1 Note 2, 18.3.1, Note 2.

Change “parameter **must** be implemented” to:

“parameter **has to** be implemented” in 1 place: 14.10.4.1.

Change “impedance **must** be implemented” to:

“impedance **has to** be implemented” in 1 place: 10.7.2.2.

Change “**must** be taken into” to:

“**has to** be taken into” in 1 place: 30.3.2.1.3 Note.

General 29

Change “**must** be met or” to:

“**has to** be met or” in 4 places: 30.3.6.1.34, 30.3.6.1.36, 30.3.6.1.38, 30.3.6.1.40.

Change “care **must** be taken to” to:

“care **has to** be taken to” in 2 places: 32.6.1.3.1, 32A.

Change “**must** be artificially” to:

“**has to** be artificially” in 1 place: 22C.1.

Change “**must** be met over” to:

“**have to** be met over” in 1 place: 22C.4.

Change “**must** be fulfilled” to:

“**have to** be fulfilled” in 1 place: 1.2.1.

Change “ports **must** meet” to:

“**have to** meet” in 1 place: 1.2.1.

Change “that **must** match” to:

“that **has to** match” in 1 place: 1.2.1.

General 29

Change “**must** have insertion” to:
“**have to** have insertion” in 1 place: 1.4.319.

Change “**must** acquire” to:
“**has to** acquire” in 1 place: 1.4.503.

Change “**must** take into” to:
“**has to** take into” in 4 places: 2.3.1.5, 2.3.2.5, 8.3.1.5 Note, 10.4.1.5 Note.

Change “**must** not react” to:
“**does** not react” in 1 place: 4.2.3.2.6.

Change “mode **must** be at least” to:
“mode **has to** be at least” in 2 places: 4.2.4.2.2 (2 places).

Change “of a burst **must**” to:
“of a burst **has to**” in 1 place: 4.2.4.2.2.

Change “within a burst **must**” to:
“within a burst **have to**” in 1 place: 4.2.4.2.2.

General 30

Change “**must** wait for” to:

“**has to** wait for” in 3 places: 4.2.7.2 var, 9.5.6.5, 4A.2.7.2 var.

Change “**must** be run” to:

“**has to** be run” in 2 places: 4.2.7.4, 4A.2.7.4.

Change “**must** be an” to:

“**has to** be an” in 1 place: 4.2.9.

Change “frame **must** be at least” to:

“frame **has to** be at least” in 1 place: 4.2.9.

Change “segment **must** be configured” to:

“segment **have to** be configured” in 1 place: 4.4.3.

Change “MAC **must** be configured” to:

“MAC **has to** be configured” in 1 place: 4.4.3.

Change “shields **must** provide” to:

“shields **have to** provide” in 1 place: 7.4.3.

General 31

Change “the signal **must** be” to:
“the signal **has to** be” in 3 places: 8.2.1.2, 8.4.1.4, 10.5.1.4.

Change “sections **must** be used” to:
“sections **have to** be used” in 1 place: 8.6.2.1.

Change “**must also** be controlled” to:
“**also has to** be controlled” in 2 places: 8.6.2.2, 10.7.2.2.

Change “path **must** meet” to:
“path **has to** meet” in 1 place: 8.7.2.4.

Change “**must** fill in” to:
“**has to** fill in” in 2 places: 8.8.3.1, 14.10.4.2.

Change “supplier **must** indicate” to:
“supplier **should** indicate” in 2 places: 8.8.5, 14.10.4.2.

Change “**Must** not cause output” to:
“**Does** not cause output” in 5 places:
8.8.7.3 Item 1, 8.8.7.4 Item 1, 14.10.4.6.3 DO3, 16.6.6.23 DO3, 18.5.6.19 DO3.

General 32

Change “If used, **must be** to” to:

“If used, **is** to” in 3 places: 8.8.7.5 Item 1, 16.6.6.24 ACT1, 18.5.6.20 ACT1.

Change “**must** be counted” to:

“**has to** be counted” in 1 place: 9.1.

Change “**must** occur no” to:

“**has to** occur no” in 1 place: 9.9.2.1.

Change “pulse **must** meet” to:

“pulse **has to** meet” in 1 place: 9.9.2.1.

Change “**must** all be” to:

“**should** all be” in 1 place: 9.9.2.8 Note.

Change “**must** draw” to:

“**has to** draw” in 1 place: 10.4.1.2.

Change “times **must** match” to:

“times **have to** match” in 1 place: 10.4.1.3.

General 33

Change “circuit **must** be transmitted” to:
“circuit **have to** be transmitted” in 1 place: 10.4.1.4.

Change “MAU **must** provide” to:
“MAU **has to** provide” in 2 places: 10.4.2.1, 11.3.3.1.

Change “**must** be reduced” to:
“**has to** be reduced” in 1 place: 11.5.3.

Change “**must** be one” to:
“**has to** be one” in 1 place: 12.2.1.

Change “PMAs **must** meet” to:
“PMAs **have to** meet” in 3 places: 12.4.3.2.1 (3 places).

Change “PMA **must** meet” to:
“PMA **has to** meet” in 1 place: 12.4.3.2.1.

Change “**must** exceed that” to:
“**has to** exceed that” in 3 places: 12.5.3.1.3, 12.7.3.3, B.4.3.4.

General 34

Change “**must** not exceed” to:
“**should** not exceed” in 1 place: 12.7.2.3 Note 3.

Change “imbalance **must** be limited” to:
“imbalance **have to** be limited” in 1 place: 12.7.3.

Change “remainder **must** be” to:
“remainder **have to** be” in 1 place: 13.3 e).

Change “**must** be performed twice” to:
“**have to** be performed twice” in 1 place: 13.4.1.2.

Change “MAU **must** be capable” to:
“MAU **has to** be capable” in 1 place: 14.2.1.8.

Change “**must** be continuously” to:
“**has to** be continuously” in 3 places: 14.2.3.2 unjab_timer, 16.3.9.2 unjab_timer, 18.3.2.2 unjab_timer.

Change “crosstalk **must** be limited” to:
“crosstalk **has to** be limited” in 1 place: 14.4.3.

General 35

Change “it **must** be as” to:

“it **has to** be as” in 1 place: 14.10.4.1.

Change “**must** be filled” to:

“**has to** be filled” in 1 place: 14.10.4.2.

Change “CS0 **must not be** sent” to:

“CS0 **is not** sent” in 2 places: 14.10.4.5.6 SF5, 18.5.6.13 STF5.

Change “**Must** be via” to:

“**Has to** be via” in 1 place: 14.10.4.5.15 SR1.

Change “If used **must be** to” to:

“If used, **is** to” in 1 place: 14.10.4.6.5 CT1.

Change “**must** be cascaded” to:

“**have to** be cascaded” in 1 place: 15.1.3.4.

Change “**must** be used to” to:

“**have to** be used to” in 2 places: 15.1.3.4 (2 places).

General 36

Change “but **must** meet” to:

“but **have to** meet” in 1 place: 15.3.2.

Change “computation **must** be done” to:

“computation **has to** be done” in 1 place: 16.3.4.2.

Change “**must** be zero” to:

“**has to** be zero” in 1 place: 16.3.4.2.

Change “**must** be HI.” to:

“**has to** be HI.” in 1 place: 16.3.4.2.

Change “**must** have no” to:

“**has to** have no” in 1 place: 17.3.10.2 rcv_unjab_timer.

Change “**delay** must be calculated” to:

“**has to** must be calculated” in 1 place: B.1.5.2.

Change “conditions **must** be” to:

“conditions **have to** be” in 1 place: B.1.5.2.

General 37

Change “DTE1 **must**” to:

“DTE1 **has to**” in 2 places: B.1.5.2 (2 places).

Change “length **must** allow” to:

“length **has to** allow” in 1 place: B.2.2.

Change “length **must** exceed” to:

“length **has to** exceed” in 1 place: B.2.2.

Change “link **must** be” to:

“link **has to** be” in 1 place: B.2.3.

Change “receiver **must** operate” to:

“receiver **has to** operate” in 1 place: B.2.3.

Change “**must** be long” to:

“**has to** be long” in 1 place: B.4.3.1.

Change “function **must** defer” to:

“function **has to** defer” in 1 place: 4A.1.2.

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Change “a conforming implementation **must** behave functionally as though” to:
“a conforming implementation **behaves** functionally as though” in 3 places:
Table 154-1 footnote a, Table 159-1 footnote a, Table 160-1 footnote a.

Change “the maximum differential group delay that the system **must** tolerate” to:
“the maximum differential group delay that the system **is required to** tolerate” in 4 places:
Table 154-9 footnote b, Table 158-14 footnote c, Table 159-12 footnote c, Table 160-12 footnote c.

Change “**must be** kept within limits” to:
“**is** kept within limits” in 2 places: 154.3.2, 160.3.2.

Change “The Skew Variation **must also be** limited to ensure” to:
“The Skew Variation **is also** limited to ensure” in 2 places: 154.3.2, 160.3.2.

Change “and PHY implementers **must** conform to” to:
“and PHY implementers conform to” in 1 place: 157.4.

Change “**must** be corrected for” to:
“**has to** be corrected for” in 2 places: 158.8.10.3, 159.7.5.3.

Change “**must** be met at” to:
“**has to** be met at” in 1 place: 154.9.13.

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Change “As **an unavoidable** consequence of the requirements for the setting of the SIGNAL_DETECT parameter, implementations must provide adequate margin” to:
“As **a** consequence of the requirements for the setting of the SIGNAL_DETECT parameter, implementations **need to** provide adequate margin” in 2 places: 159.5.4, 160.5.4.

Thanks!